

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Newsprint Advisory Committee has held its meeting to discuss this problem;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (f) the steps taken to bring any changes in the said policy ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) The Indian Newsprint Manufacturers Association have informed vide their letter dated 12.7.96 that they have sent representations to the Ministries of Commerce, Finance and Industry regarding the sluggish marketing conditions prevailing in the country due to heavy import of newsprint leading to accumulation of stocks with the indigenous mills.

(c) to (f) No meeting of the Newsprint Advisory Committee has been held to discuss this problem. The Newsprint Advisory Committee whose term expired in August 1995 has not been re-constituted as the Government's control over import of newsprint has been lifted consequent upon placing import of newsprint under O.G.L. with effect from 1.5.1995 vide Ministry of Commerce's Notification No. 3 (RE-95)/92-97 dated 30.4.1995.

[Translation]

Illegal Mining in Madhya Pradesh

5548. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that illegal mining is taking place in the forests in Tikamgarh district of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check this illegal mining ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hindi/English Magazines

5549. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government departments in Delhi are publishing magazines in Hindi and English;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of editorial staff there, at present;

(c) the number of Government magazines where equal number of staff and facilities have been provided for both the editions;

(d) the number of magazines not having equal number of staff and same facilities for their English and Hindi editions; and

(e) the measures proposed to be taken to provide equal number of staff and facilities to both editions ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Computerisation of Post Offices

5550. SHRI D.P. YADAV :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to computerise the Post Offices to accelerate the pace of work;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise, district-wise,

(c) the cities, where post offices have already been computerised, State-wise, District-wise;

(d) whether some employees have been retrenched as a result thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, A Scheme to speed up counter transactions with the help of computer based counter machines is being implemented under the Eighth Five Year Plan. Till date 2426 No. of computer based counter machines have been installed in different Post Offices all over the country as per details given in the Statement-I. Money Order Service has also been speeded up with the installation of network of Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT). 69 VSATs have been installed as per the district-wise/city-wise list given in the Statement-II.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise, in view of reply at (d).

STATEMENT-I

STATE-WISE AND DISTRICT-WISE/CITY LIST
OF COMPUTERISED COUNTER MACHINES
AS ON 9-9-1996

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of District /City	No. of Computerised postal counters
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	Kamrup	15
		Nalbari	3
		Barpeta	1
		Cachar	6
		Karimganj	1
		Hailakandi	1
		N.C. Hills	1
		Dibrugarh	2
		Tinsukia	5
		Sibsagar	3
		Jorhat	3
		Golaghat	1
		Nagaon	3
		Dhubri	3
		Bongaigaon	1
		Kokrajhar	1
		Dhemaji	1
		North Lakhimpur	2
		Sonitpur	4
		Darrang	3
			60
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	57
		Nizamabad	5
		Karimnagar	7
		Warangal	10
		Mahbub Nagar	5
		Nalgonda	9
		Adilabad	2
		Krishna	17
		Guntur	8
		Khammam	4
		Nellore	5
		Ongole	5
		West Godavari	5
		Kurnool	8
		Chittoor	11
		Cuddappah	5
		Anantapur	7
		Visakhapatnam	11
		Vizianagaram	5
		Srikakulam	5
		East Godavari	15
			206

1	2	3	4
3.	Bihar	Patna	28
		Muzaffarnagar	16
		Jamshedpur	10
		Ranchi	8
			62
4.	Delhi		203
			203
5.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad City	61
		Amreli	3
		Anand	2
		Banaskantha	2
		Bharuch	2
		Bhavnagar	2
		Gandhinagar	20
		Jamnagar	6
		Junagadh	6
		Kachch	7
		Nadiad	2
		Porbandar	2
		Rajkot	10
		Sabarkantha	2
		Surat	17
		Valsad	2
		Vadodara City	30
			176
6.	Haryana	Ambala	14
		Yamuna Nagar	2
		Kurukshetra	8
		Karnal	6
		Panipat	6
		Jind	3
		Sonepat	3
		Bhiwani	5
		Hissar	6
		Sirsa	3
		Gurgaon	9
		Rewari	3
		Mahendergarh	3
		Faridabad	10
		Rohtak	9
			90
7.	H.P.	Shimla	27
		Kinnaur	2
		Solan	2
		Nahan	4
		Chamba	4
		Una	4
		Hamirpur	6
		Bilaspur	3

1	2	3	4
		Kullu	5
		Mandi	16
		Kangra	19
			92
8.	J&K	Jammu	18
		Kathua	3
		Udhampur	4
			25
9.	Karnataka	Bangalore City	76
		South Karnataka	21
		Mandya	3
		Kolar	2
		North Kanara	10
		Bidar	2
		Bijapur	2
		Madikeri	2
		Chickmagalur	4
		Chitradurg	4
		Hassan	3
		Mysore	17
		Shimoga	3
		Tumkur	3
		Belgaum	6
		Dharwad	26
		Raichur	1
			185
10.	Kerala	Trivandrum	37
		Quilon	10
		Pathanamthitta	4
		Alleppey	8
		Kottayam	7
		Ernakulam	32
		Trichur	10
		Palghat	13
		Calicut	23
		Cannanore	14
	Union Territory of Lakshadweep		2
			160
11.	Maharashtra	Nashik	7
		Bombay City	170
		Goa (Panaji)	4
		Akola	2
		Amravati	2
		Nagpur	19
		Pune	28
			232

1	2	3	4
12.	M.P.	Bhopal	30
		Bilaspur	2
		Dewas	5
		Durg	1
		Hoshangabad	2
		Indore	18
		Jabalpur	13
		Lashkar (Gwalior)	5
		Morena	1
		Raipur	16
			93
13.	N.E.	West Tripura	3
		Mizoram	3
		Kohima	6
		Imphal	5
		Lower Subasani	6
		East Khasi Hills	5
		West Garo Hills	2
			30
14.	Orissa	Koraput	6
		Kalahandi	2
		Ganjam	8
		Sampalpur	7
		Sundargarh	6
		Dhenkanal	3
		Mayurbhanj	3
		Balasore	3
		Bhadrak	3
		Cuttack	14
		Jagsinghpur	3
		Puri	6
		Khurda	21
		Nayagarh	3
		Bolangir	3
			91
15.	Punjab	Jalandhar	16
		Amritsar	12
		Hoshiarpur	3
		Kapurthala	5
		Chandigarh	29
		Ferozepur	3
		Ludhiana	26
		Patiala	11
		Ropar	5
		Bhatinda	3
		Faridkot	6
		Gurdaspur	9
			128

1	2	3	4
16.	Rajasthan	Ajmer	11
		Alwar	4
		Bharatpur	4
		Bhilwara	3
		Bikaner	5
		Dausa	2
		Jaipur	45
		Jodhpur	16
		Kota	7
		Sriganganagar	4
		Udaipur	8
			109
17.	Tamil Nadu	Madras	72
		MGR District	6
		Anna District	5
		Tiruvannamalai	
		Sambuvarayar	2
		North Arcot	
		Ambedkar	5
		Coimbatore	21
		Nilgiris	1
		Pcriyar	3
		Salem	6
		Dharmapuri	3
		Dindigul Anna	2
		Kanyakumari	4
		Kamarajar	4
		Madurai	15
		Nellai Kattahomman	5
		V.O.C.	7
		South Arcot Vallalar	2
		Karur Theeran	
		Chinnamalai	5
		Nagai Quaide Millat	4
		Thanjavur	5
		Trichy	15
		Pondicherry U. Territory	6
			198
18.	U.P.	Lucknow	35
		Gorakhpur	6
		Gonda	2
		Kanpur	35
		Bareilly	6
		Allahabad	11
		Varanasi	10
		Agra	10
		Dehradun	11
		Meerut	12
		Muzaffarnagar	7

1	2	3	4
		Saharanpur	17
		Gaziabad	11
		Azamgarh	1
		Baharaich	1
		Ballia	1
		Barabanki	1
		Deoria	1
		Faizabad	1
		Kheri	1
		Nainital	2
		Rampur	1
		Moradabad	1
			184
19.	West Bengal	Calcutta	65
		24 Parganas (N)	2
		Burdwan	3
		Birbhum	2
		Murshidabad	2
		Darjeeling	8
		Jalpaiguri	2
		Sikkim State	6
		A & N Islands	2
			92
		GRANT TOTAL	2426

STATEMENT-II

LIST OF LOCATIONS WHERE VSATs HAVE BEEN
INSTALLED (STATUS AS ON 9.9.1996)

Sl.No.	Circle/State/UT	Town/Cities/District	HQ's
1	2	3	
1.	Assam	1. Silchar	
		2. Tezpur	
		3. Dibrugarh	
		4. Guwahati	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Vijayawada	
		2. Visakhapatnam	
		3. Kurnool	
		4. Hyderabad	
		5. Tirupati	
3.	Bihar	1. Muzaffarpur	
		2. Patna	
		3. Darbhanga	
		4. Ranchi	

1	2	3
4.	Delhi	1. Delhi (Ashok Vihar HO) 2. New Delhi GPO
5.	Gujarat	1. Rajkot 2. Baroda 3. Surat 4. Ahmedabad
6.	Haryana	1. Ambala
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1. Mandi 2. Kangra 3. Shimla
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1. Jammu
9.	Karnataka	1. Mysore 2. Hubli 3. Gulbarga 4. Mangalore 5. Bangalore
10.	Kerala	1. Calicut 2. Trivandrum 3. Kavaratty (Lakshadweep) 4. Ernakulam
11.	M.P.	1. Raipur 2. Jabalpur 3. Indore 4. Gwalior 5. Bhopal
12.	Maharashtra	1. Pune 2. Dadra HO (Bombay) 3. Nagpur 4. Bombay GPO 5. Aurangabad 6. Panaji
13.	North East	1. Aizwal 2. Kohima 3. Shillong
14.	Orissa	1. Sambalpur 2. Berhampur 3. Bhubaneshwer
15.	Punjab	1. Jullandhar 2. Ludhiana
16.	Rajasthan	1. Jodhpur 2. Udaipur 3. Ajmer 4. Jaipur

1	2	3
17.	Tamil Nadu	1. Madurai 2. Tiruchi 3. Coimbatore 4. Madras
18.	U.P.	1. Kanpur 2. Varanasi 3. Allahabad 4. Lucknow 5. Bareilly 6. Saharanpur
19.	West Bengal	1. Siliguri 2. Asansol 3. Calcutta
Total		69

[English]

Contract Labourers

5551. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether contract labourers are still engaged in some godowns of Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) since when they are working there; and

(d) the reasons for delay in regularising them?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) :
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State/Union Territory-wise details are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) Handling and transport (H&T) contractors are appointed by the FCI on a regular basis for two years and on adhoc basis for six months. Each such contractor has a set of labourers engaged by him from time to time for handling and transporting of foodgrains. It is not possible to give the details of labourers engaged by the contractors including the dates from which they are working with the H&T contractors.

(d) The main reason is that certain norms and stipulations are to be fulfilled before the abolition of the contract labour and subsequent introduction of alternative system of engagement of labourers.